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[54] TREATMENT FOR ASTHMA WITH VLA-4 BLOCKING AGENTS**[75] Inventors:** Roy R. Lobb, Westwood; Linda C. Burkly, West Newton, both of Mass.**[73] Assignee:** Biogen, Inc., Cambridge, Mass.**[21] Appl. No.:** 822,830**[22] Filed:** Mar. 21, 1997**Related U.S. Application Data**

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A method for the treatment of asthma is disclosed. The method comprises administration of an antibody, polypeptide or other molecule recognizing VLA-4, a protein expressed on the surface of certain leukocytes such as eosinophils.